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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO REIMBURSE THE LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR MUTUAL  
AID RESPONSE TO THE JESUSITA FIRE  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking approval of a Reimbursement Agreement (Agreement) with the County of Santa Barbara to allow County of Santa Barbara to reimburse the Department for providing mutual aid on May 5, 2009, to the Jesusita Fire.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve and instruct the Mayor of the Board to sign the attached Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara authorizing the Department to receive reimbursement from the County of Santa Barbara in the amount of \$121,476.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow the Department to be reimbursed for mutual aid services it provided to the County of Santa Barbara during the May 5, 2009, Jesusita Fire. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved emergency assistance through the Fire Management Assistance Grant 2817-FM-CA.

A mutual aid agreement was previously entered into between the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Department, which established the basis for receiving California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) and FEMA monies to partially reimburse the expenses associated with the mutual aid response. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department submitted the reimbursement claims to Cal-EMA on behalf of itself and the Department. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department received \$618,661 in reimbursement for the Mutual Aid Agencies, which amounts to approximately 90 percent of the amount claimed, and \$121,476 is to be apportioned to the Department.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The requested Board action is consistent with Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Department will be reimbursed \$121,476 for services it provided to the County of Santa Barbara during the Jesusita Fire.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff is the Operational Area Law Enforcement and Mutual Aid Coordinator and is responsible to provide mutual aid assistance under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement/Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan. Accordingly, on May 5, 2009, mutual aid was provided to the County of Santa Barbara to assist with the control of the Jesusita Fire.

The attached Agreement requires that the County of Los Angeles defend, indemnify and save harmless the County of Santa Barbara, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments or liabilities arising out of any audit that mandates the repayment of all or a portion of the reimbursed monies that were allocated to the County of Los Angeles; except those claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments or liabilities resulting from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County of Santa Barbara.

The attached Agreement was reviewed by CEO Risk Management and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no direct impact on current services.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return two copies of the originally signed Agreement and a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Emergency Operations Bureau.

Sincerely



LEROY D. BACA  
Sheriff

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Enclosures

**Reimbursement Agreement Between the County of Santa Barbara  
and the County of Los Angeles**

**Recitals:**

- a. On May 5, 2009 the Jesusita Fire ignited in an unincorporated area of the foothills above the County of Santa Barbara. The Jesusita Fire destroyed 80 homes, forced evacuation of 30,500 people and consumed 8,700 acres. The Jesusita Fire was not contained until May 20, 2009.
- b. Law Enforcement mutual aid was called upon to assist with general law enforcement, evacuation of citizens and staffing of road closures. Several agencies responded (the "Mutual Aid Agencies"), including the County of Los Angeles (Los Angeles).
- c. A mutual aid agreement was previously entered into between the Santa Barbara County Sheriff, the Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles, which established the basis for receiving Cal-EMA (California Emergency Management Agency) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) monies to partially reimburse the expenses associated with the mutual aid response. Santa Barbara County Sheriff submitted the reimbursement claims to Cal-EMA on behalf of itself and Los Angeles. The claim submitted on behalf of Los Angeles was based on the claim provided by Los Angeles.
- d. Santa Barbara County Sheriff received \$618,661 in reimbursement for the Mutual Aid Agencies, which amounts to approximately 90% of the amount claimed. \$121,476.44 is to be apportioned to Los Angeles.

The County of Santa Barbara "COUNTY" and the County of Los Angeles "Los Angeles" agree as follows:

1. This Reimbursement Agreement shall commence upon execution by all parties and shall terminate on December 31, 2014.
2. COUNTY shall distribute to Los Angeles its share of the Cal-EMA and FEMA Jesusita Fire reimbursements for the Mutual Aid Agencies in the amount of \$121,476.44.
3. Los Angeles shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments or liabilities arising out of any audit that mandates the repayment of all or a portion of the reimbursed monies that were allocated to Los Angeles; except those claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments or liabilities resulting from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

4. Los Angeles shall notify the COUNTY immediately in the event of any audit arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Reimbursement Agreement to be effective on the date last executed.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: 

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 5-3-11

ATTEST:

CHANDRA L. WALLAR  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: 

Deputy

BILL BROWN  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF

By: 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS A. MARSHALL,  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 

Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING  
FORM:

ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: 



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By Mike Antonovich  
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors



By Lachelle Smitherman  
DEPUTY FEB 15 2011

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By Michelle Jackson  
Deputy County Counsel

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Sachi A. Hamai  
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Executive Officer-Clerk

I hereby certify that pursuant to  
Section 25103 of the Government Code,  
delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Lachelle Smitherman  
Deputy FEB 15 2011